SHORT NOTES

I. SIGHT OBSERVATION OF THE GADWALL *(Anas strepera)* IN THAILAND

On 24 December 1966 I was looking for birds on the marsh of Bung Gai near Chieng Saen in northern Thailand. To obtain a closer view of the waterfowl on the marsh I borrowed a boat and rowed toward the east end of the lake. Another boat occupied by hunters some distance to the north frightened flocks of ducks into flight, which after flying some distance settled on the water close to my boat. Among these I noted a pair with white wing speculums which landed less than fifty yards from the boat. Long familiarity with the Gadwall *Anas strepera* suggested to me immediately that the birds were of this species. The swimming pair remained on the open water about twenty minutes and was studied in detail through 9×35 binoculars.

The male had the characteristic gray body with black upper and under tail coverts. The female was a medium-sized mottled brown duck with a conspicuous area of yellow-orange on the greater portion of the bill.

The species winters in Burma, but I am aware of no other records of its occurrence in Thailand.

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II. THE NEWT *Tylototriton verrucosus* ANDERSON, 1871, IN THAILAND

In 1962 Dr. Edward H. TAYLOR described and figured ("The Amphibian Fauna of Thailand", *Univ. Kansas Sci. Bull.* **43** (1962): 279-282) what he considered to be the first known Thai specimen of the newt *Tylototriton verrucosus,* "Aside from the single collection of larvae by Dr. Malcolm Smith's collector . . ." Since this time two further Thai specimens have come to the present writer's attention.

Dr. Taylor's specimen reportedly came from Doi Inthanon in Chieng Mai province at about 2000 metres elevation, having been